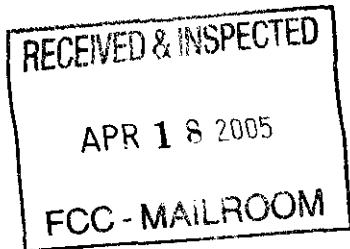


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Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
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RE: Opposition to Lifting the Ban on Cell Phone in Flight

Dear Mr. Martin:

May I ask you to add to the names you currently have on your list of persons *opposed to lifting the ban on cell phones in flight* the names of my husband, Roland C. Dennis, Jr. and myself, Sue C. Dennis.

Although we presently fly only two to four times a year, we strongly oppose the lifting of the cell phone ban. We are opposed to lifting the ban on cell phone use in flight for several reasons. Cell phone use in close quarters of a commercial aircraft would not only compromise our comfort, but our safety. Cell phones are distracting to both passengers and users, which may cause life-saving issues in an emergency. Cell phones users are disruptive and may cause outrage among passengers who are looking forward to a quiet flight. I, myself, am a reader and to have a cell phone user next to me would not allow me to enjoy my in-flight reading at all. My husband is a "napper," so a cell phone user next to him would eliminate his ability to take that well-deserved nap. We are already outraged by the distraction of drivers while using their cell phones as well as offended by the inconsideration of cell phone users in public places: in restaurants, stores, shopping malls, on the beach, and even in public restrooms!!!

Most importantly, though, is the possibility of the use of cell phones and other electronic devices being the cause of problems with navigational equipment aboard airplanes and the possibility of terrorist coordination using cell phones. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

If I have inadvertently directed my letter of opposition to you, may I ask that you please redirect it to the proper person or department or to advise me by return mail where my letter should be sent?

Sincerely,

  
Sue C. Dennis

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